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Resources are also being mobilised through Market Borrowing by the Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC) and through the Own Your Wagon and the revised Build Operate Lease Transfer (BOLT) Schemes.

Completion of Railway Projects

3154. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the target set for completion of rail lines, doubling, gauge conversion and electrification, during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) what has been the performance during the first three years of the Plan;

(c) whether the performance has been satisfactory; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) The targets set for completion of new rail lines, doubling, gauge conversion and electrification during the 9th five year plan and performance thereof during the first three years of the Plan are as under:—

	Target (in Kms.)	Performance (in Kms.)		
		97-98	98-99	99-00
New Lines	658	12	224	167
Gauge conversion	3259	847	693	260
Doubling	1311	160	260	220
Electrification	2300	445	617	405

(c) and (d) The performance has been slightly less as compared to the proportionate targets for gauge conversion and doubling works for the first three years of the 9th plan. The constraint of resources and some other problems like law and order issues, technical problems, contractor failure etc. have been the reasons for slow progress in some of the cases.